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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE APPEARING PAGE ONE, NEW YORK TIMES, MARCH 27, 1974 UNDER BY-LINE OF DAVID BINDER, HEADLINED "U.S. ALT STAND ON EUROPE ACCORD. ABANDONS A WRITTEN AVOWAL OF TIES AND ASKS INSTEAD SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS."
2. WASHINGTON, MARCH 26 - THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS NOTIFIED WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT IT IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ANY REDEFINITION IN WRITING OF THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT THEY PROPOSE A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS.
3. THE UNITED STATES HAD SOUGHT A JOINT DECLARATION OF ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES SINCE LAST APRIL. BUT THE EUROPEANS WANTED TWO SEPARATE ONES, AND SINCE LAST JULY THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS TO DRAFT ONE WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET AND TH OTHER IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

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4. A HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TOLD CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT OF WEST GERMANY AND FOREIGN MINISTER WALTER SCHEEL SUNDAY THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF INDIFFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES WHETHER ANY DECLARATIONS WERE COMPLETED IN THIS "YEAR OF EUROPE." WEST GERMANY WAS NOTIFIED BECAUSE IT IS THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF

THE COMMON MARKET COUNCIL.

5. REQUEST BY U. S.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, MR. KISSINGER SAID IT WAS UP TO THE EUROPEANS TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY "COME UP WITH TWO DECLARATIONS, ONE DECLARATION OR NONE." EIGHT OF THE NINE COMMON MARKET MEMBERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

6. IN PLACE OF THE PROJECTED DECLARATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECTS OF PROTRACTED WRANGLING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND WESTERN EUROPE, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED THE EUROPEANS TO COME UP WITH PROPOSALS ON WHAT KIND OF CONSULTATIONS ARE NEEDED BETWEEN THE COMMON MARKET AND THE UNITED STATES.

7. THE DECLARATION PROJECTS WERE BEGUN IN RESPONSE TO A SPEECH LAST APRIL BY MR. KISSINGER CALLING FOR THE DRAFTING OF "A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER." THE EUROPEANS, HOWEVER, INSISTED ON TWO DECLARATIONS - ONE ON SECURITY RELATIONS WITH NATO, THE OTHER ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMON MARKET.

8. THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE IN AN INTERVIEW, SAID THAT ABANDONMENT OF THE AMERICAN-COMMON MARKET DECLARATION WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERPRETED AS A VICTORY FOR FRANCE, WHICH HAS STEADILY OBJECTED TO A DOCUMENT THAT VOICED EITHER "PARTNERSHIP" OR "INTERDEPENDENCE" BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

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BUT THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS A DEFEAT FOR COMMON MARKET FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH HAS PRIMARILY BEEN A FRENCH CAUSE.

10. IF ANY DECLARATION IS TO BE PRESERVED, THE INFORMANT SAID, IT WOULD BE THE NATO DOCUMENT.

11. HE NOTED THAT LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO PRESIDENT NIXON

SAID IN AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE CLUB OF CHICAGO THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE NATO DOCUMENT BUT NOT ON THE ONE DEFINING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMON MARKET.

12. MR. NIXON HAD ADDED AT THE TIME THAT ANY MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND THE HEADS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES "WOULD SIMPLY BE PAPERING OVER DIFFICULTIES AND NOT RESOLVING THEM."

13. SHORTLY AFTER THAT, THE OFFICIAL SAID, MR. NIXON AND MR. KISSINGER DECIDED THAT THE ENTIRE EXERCISE OF DRAFTING DECLARATIONS REPRESENTED "PAPERING OVER" AND CONCLUDED THAT THE WAY TO STOP THIS WAS TO GET RID OF THE PAPERS.

14. EUROPE'S MOVE

THE OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT, AS A RESULT, THE UNITED STATES HAD ASKED THE WESTERN EUROPEANS TO COME UP WITH PROPOSALS ON WHAT MR. KISSINGER AND MR. SCHEEL DEFINED LAST SUNDAY AS THE "PROCEDURE," THE "SUBSTANCE" AND THE "LEVEL" OF CONSULTATIONS NEEDED BETWEEN THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND WASHINGTON.

15. EARLY LAST WEEK WEST GERMANY SOUGHT BACKING IN THE COMMON MARKET FOR ITS PROPOSAL TO ALLOW A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S POLITICAL CONSULTATION COMMITTEE AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING THE HAS REFRAINED FROM COMMITTING HERSELF.(SIC)

16. BESIDES EXPRESSING NO INTEREST IN THE TWO ATLANTIC DOCUMENTS, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO SHELVE

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PLANS TO PUT TOGETHER A DECLARATION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE, INTENDED TO EXPRESS A COMMON PURPOSE OF MAJOR WESTERN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. FRANCE HAS OPPOSED THIS, TOO. (END TEXT) RUSH

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